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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 13859

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, JA, SK, US, OVIP (MINOWA, NOBORU)  
SUBJECT: LDP DEFENSE HAWKS VISIT TO U.S.

REF: (A) TOKYO 13438 NOTAL, (B) SHERMAN LETTER TO  
GLEYSTEN 2/9/78

1. AS REPORTED REF A, GROUP OF LDP DIETMEN, HEADED BY  
LOWER HOUSE MEMBER NOBORU MINOWA AND INCLUDING FORMER  
PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE KOKAI NAKAMURA  
AND FORMER GROUND SELF DEFENSE FORCE GENERAL MASAO  
HORIE, WILL VISIT U.S. AUGUST 11-18 IN ORDER TO ENLIST  
SUPPORT OF U.S. POLITICIANS AND ACADEMICIANS FOR ESTAB-  
LISHMENT OF U.S.-JAPAN PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL ON SECURITY  
AFFAIRS. GROUP HAS ASKED EMBASSY DAO TO FACILITATE  
APPOINTMENTS WITH SECDEF AND CINCPAC AND TO ARRANGE  
TOURS OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND HAWAII,  
BUT HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM US.  
THROUGH JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON, GROUP IS APPARENTLY  
SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE  
ARMED SERVICES AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES AS WELL  
AS DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND BROOKINGS INSTITUTION. GROUP  
WILL VISIT SEOUL FOR ONE DAY ENROUTE TO U.S. TO MEET  
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WITH MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND ROK PARLIAMENTARIANS  
SPECIALIZING IN DEFENSE ISSUES.

2. MINOWA HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING SINCE LAST FALL TO  
ESTABLISH FORMAL U.S.-JAPAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY BODY  
DEVOTED TO SECURITY MATTERS. HE DISCUSSED IDEA WITH  
CONGRESSMAN STRATTON IN TOKYO LAST JANUARY AND ATTEMPTED

UNSUCCESSFULLY TO SIGN HIM UP AS CHAIRMAN OF U.S. SIDE. AS NOTED IN REF B, MINOWA'S GROUP IS COMPOSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OF OLDER HAWKS WITHIN LDP, AS OPPOSED TO SUPRA PARTISAN DELEGATIONS WHICH HAVE ATTENDED SHIMODA CONFERENCES AND OTHER U.S.-JAPAN PARLIAMENTARIAN GATHERINGS IN THE PAST. WHILE GROUP IS CARRYING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION SIGNED BY DEFENSE MINISTER KANEMARU, THIS TYPE OF TESTIMONIAL IS ISSUED AS MATTER OF COURSE HERE AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT TOP LEVELS OF GOJ ARE COMMITTED TO MINOWA'S PROPOSAL. MINOWA WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF JAPAN-ROK PARLIAMENTARY BODY ON DEFENSE MATTERS. PARTLY FOR THIS REASON, STORIES HAVE CIRCULATED HERE THAT ROK IS BACKING MINOWA'S LATEST EFFORT TO ESTABLISH SIMILAR GROUP INVOLVING US CONGRESSMEN. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED HERE BY US ENCOURAGEMENT OF NEW BILATERAL INTER-PARLIAMENTARY MECHANISM WHOSE MEMBERSHIP (AT LEAST ON JAPANESE SIDE) WOULD NOT BE BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE AND WHOSE ORIGIN AND FUNDING WOULD APPEAR SOMEWHAT QUESTIONABLE. MANSFIELD

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